

NEW JERSEY VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (NJ VFC) PROGRAM



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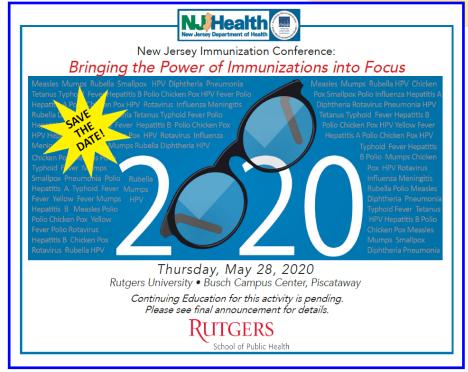
Happy New Year! It's Time to Re-enroll!

Now is the time to re-enroll in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) and/or 317-Funded Adult (317) Programs! The re-enrollment period is between January 13 and March 13, 2020—but don't wait until the last minute! By starting early, you can help avoid disruptions in vaccine ordering.

For detailed information about re-enrollment, please visit NJIIS or

2020 Provider Re-enrollment





Updated 2020 Vaccine Storage & Handling Toolkit

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated the Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit. This toolkit reflects best practices for vaccine storage and handling of all vaccines — whether federally funded or privately purchased! The toolkit helps providers find the information they need quickly and easily. The toolkit has been updated for 2020 to clarify language including:

- Beyond use date (BUD)
- Routine maintenance for vaccine storage units
- New definition added to the glossary
 For more information, please visit

2020 Vaccine Storage & Handling Toolkit



- Always put your PIN number in the subject line of all correspondence
- Submit your digital data logger (DDL) files in .csv or.xls format.
- Always double check your temperature entries in NJIIS before submission.

Your flu vaccination recommendation makes a difference!

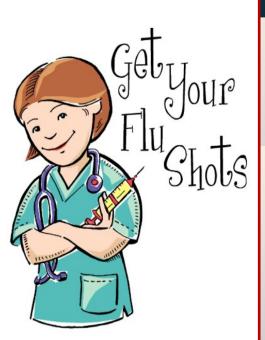
It's not too late to vaccinate!

Order VFC and 317-Funded Adult flu vaccine now!

Key points as of January 18, 2020

- Everyone 6 months of age and older needs the flu vaccine each year.
- ~ 172.2 million doses of vaccine have been distributed nationally.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that so far this season there have been at least 15 million flu illnesses, 140,000 hospitalizations and 8,200 deaths from flu including 54 pediatric deaths. Influenza B accounts for 37 of the 54 reported flu-related pediatric deaths.
- Flu vaccine effectiveness estimates are not available yet this season, but vaccination is always the best way to prevent flu and its potentially serious complications.
- Nationally, B/Victoria viruses are the predominant this season; however, during recent weeks, approximately equal numbers of B/Victoria and A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses have been reported.
- Influenza activity is high throughout New Jersey; B is the predominant strain.

CDC Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report
New Jersey Department of Health Influenza-like Illness Weekly Report



the benefits of flu vaccination 2018-2019 Approximately 49% of the U.S. population chose to get a flu vaccine during the 2018-2019 flu season, and this prevented an estimated: **58,000** 3.500 flu deaths flu hospitalizations More than the About the number of Equivalent to saving population of Los students at about 10 lives per day Angeles The Ohio State University over the course of a year get vaccinated www.cdc.gov/flu